

## Foreword

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The 6-week Management for International Public Health (MIPH) Course is offered each fall in Atlanta by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. Enrollment is limited; ***priority is given to participants responsible for organizing and conducting management training courses for public health professionals in their countries.*** The course provides participants with practical skills needed to develop and lead effective work teams in areas such as the following:

- Generating quality data for decision-making
- Health problem analysis
- Priority setting
- Planning, implementing, and evaluating public health programs.

The course also prepares participants for assessing management training needs, developing appropriate curricula, planning, conducting, and evaluating in-country management training courses. The course is evaluated following each instructor's presentation, as well as weekly and at the end of the course, through a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods. This feedback is important to shaping future efforts of SMDP and better meeting the needs of participants.

The MIPH course highlights the collaboration between CDC's Sustainable Management Development Program (SMDP), and the institutions and NGOs that sponsor each participant. The SMDP works with ministries of health, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions to permanently strengthen in-country management training capacity in developing countries.

In addition to faculty development through the MIPH course, SMDP's global strategy includes on-site technical assistance to help graduates develop, teach and assess the impact of applied management training programs for public health professionals. One of the unique features of SMDP-affiliated training at the country level is a requirement for all local participants to complete an ***applied management project*** that helps translate classroom knowledge into competencies in solving real public health management problems in the workplace.

To date, SMDP has trained 235 management trainers based in 55 countries (see map on pages 56-57). The SMDP currently works with many MIPH graduates to develop and sustain high quality public health management training programs throughout the developing world. Updates on the accomplishments and activities of MIPH course graduates are published quarterly in the *SMDP News*, accessible from our website.

To add a name to the mailing list or to receive more information about the SMDP, please visit our website at [www.phppo.cdc.gov/smdp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/smdp), or contact us at this address:

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